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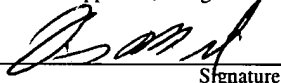
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the official action dated October 17, 2002, kindly amend the above application as follows: